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WTO Accession Update: China, Taiwan Vie for Accession

China reached agreements in principle with both Japan and Australia towards China's WTO membership. The Australia-China deal reportedly extends greater access to China's markets for Australian manufactured goods, services and agricultural products. Regarding the Japan-China agreement, the U.S. criticized Japan for not pushing China hard enough on certain concessions, leaving the U.S. to "do the heavy lifting" with respect to opening China's markets. Chinese-U.S. bilateral accession talks have been on hold since the U.S. bombing of the Chinese embassy in Belgrade. Chinese officials said last week that the country is not yet ready to resume talks with the U.S., despite press reports earlier last week that China would indeed seek to restart bilateral negotiations with the U.S. in September.

On 4 August Taiwan accused China of trying to block discussion of its application for WTO membership at a WTO working committee meeting. Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Cuba-apparently at the behest of China-last week tried to block Taiwan's accession bid at the informal meeting by opposing a review of Taiwan's application for membership. The four countries also demanded that WTO Members uphold a 1992 agreement to admit China to the WTO before Taiwan. Taiwan has completed bilateral negotiations with all 26 Members that requested negotiations and has signed accession deals with all of those partners with the exception of Hong Kong, now under Chinese control.

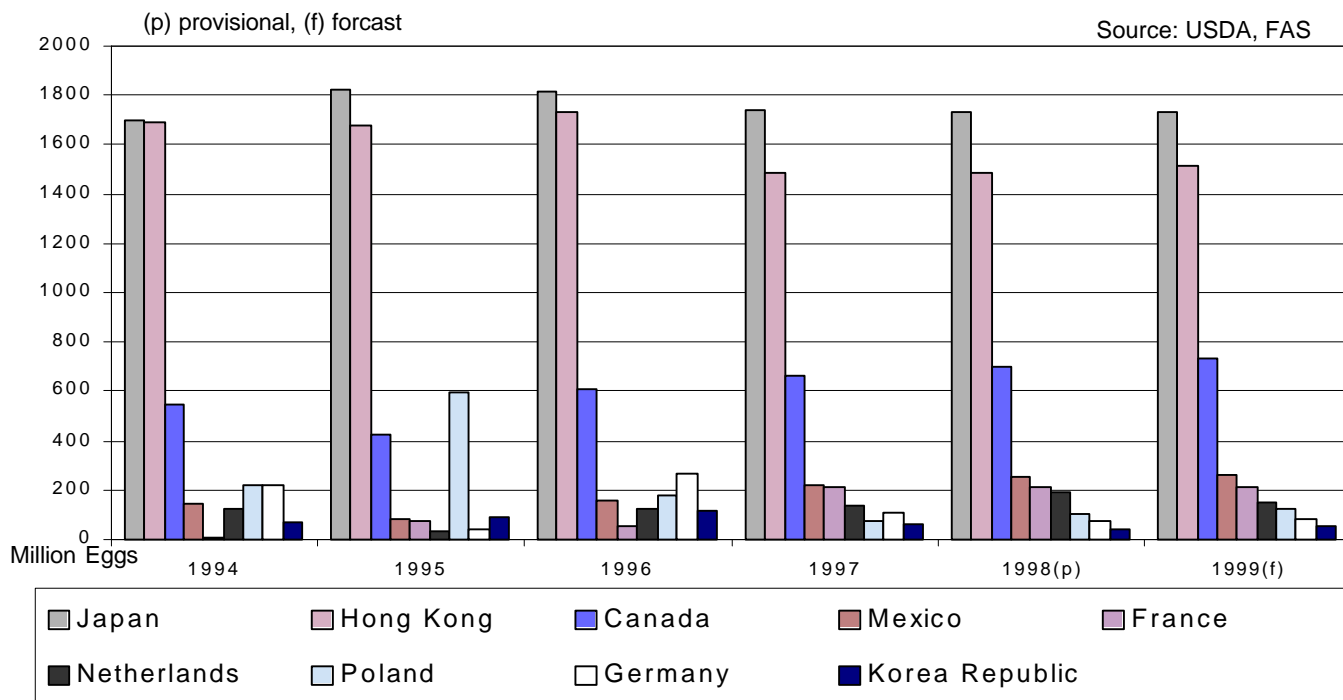
Source: BRIDGES Weekly Trade News Digest

JAPANESE POWDERED EGG IMPORTS (IN TONS)

Month	Powdered			Total
	Whole Eggs	Powdered Yolks	Powdered Albumen	
1998				
January	133.7	192.2	598.4	924.3
February	234.6	220.2	698.0	1152.8
March	296.2	235.4	553.9	1085.5
April	118.9	250.9	786.0	1155.8
May	101.7	169.0	500.1	770.8
1998 To-Date	885.1	1067.7	3136.4	5,089.2
1999				
January	200.2	269.1	912.5	1381.8
February	201.6	251.3	566.2	1019.1
March	233.3	121.9	740.6	1095.8
April	249.6	175.8	881.1	1306.5
May	130.9	136.0	874.5	1141.4
1999 To-Date	1,015.6	954.1	3,974.9	5,944.6

Source: ALIC Monthly Statistics

Total Egg Imports (excluding hatching)



INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending August 7, 1999		Year-To-Date	
Type	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	140	143	8,385	8,325
Frozen	0	0	6	50
Dried	29	43	384	375
Total	169	186	8,775	8,750

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

	Week Ending August 7, 1999		Year-To-Date	
Type	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	166	121	2,812	2,576
Frozen	8	8	182	143
Dried	25	10	166	235
Total	199	139	3,160	2,954

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending August 7, 1999		Year-To-Date	
Type	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Jumbo	94	55	678	897
Extra Large	887	930	20,140	23,517
Large	1,120	3,215	72,890	65,136
Medium	1,831	1,200	31,947	35,776
Ungraded	9,501	5,700	327,792	148,745
Misc	150	690	3,738	6,133
Total	13,583	11,790	457,185	280,204

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding. Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

CENTRAL REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 13-AUG-99

CHICKEN PRICES

	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
FAT	FOB	DELIVERED	FOB	DELIVERED
CONTENT	DOCK		DOCK	
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				
0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	18.50	14.00-16.00	-
WTD AVERAGE		18.50	15.00	
122,400 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				
15-20%				
RANGE	12.00-14.00	-	10.00-14.00	13.00-16.00
WTD AVERAGE	12.50		11.22	13.60
2,856,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				

20% OR MORE

RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				
0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 7-Aug-99
PRELIMINARY

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY (000'S)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	2,025	1,427	3,452
LAST WEEK	2,097	1,270	3,367
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,959	1,203	3,162
TO-DATE/1999	66,968	42,093	109,061
TO-DATE/1998	65,317	39,134	104,451

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	322	0	322
LAST WEEK	458	0	458
SAME WEEK YR AGO	308	0	308
TO-DATE/1999	15,094	174	15,268
TO-DATE/1998	17,150	239	17,389

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	2,347	1,427	3,774
LAST WEEK	2,555	1,270	3,825
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,267	1,203	3,470
TO-DATE/1999	82,062	42,267	124,329
TO-DATE/1998	82,467	39,373	121,840

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 13-AUG-99

CHICKEN PRICES

	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
FAT	FOB	DELIVERED	FOB	DELIVERED
CONTENT	DOCK		DOCK	
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00-18.00	-	16.00-18.00	-
WTD AVERAGE	16.40		17.57	
1,613,000 pounds, this includes 320,000 pounds for export shipment.				

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	16.50	-	17.00
WTD AVERAGE		16.50		17.00
400,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				
15-20%				
RANGE	12.75-15.00	14.00-14.50	13.50-15.50	14.00
WTD AVERAGE	13.84	14.07	14.48	14.00
2,300,000 pounds, this includes 400,000 pounds for export shipment.				

20% OR MORE

RANGE	-	-	12.00-13.50	-
WTD AVERAGE			13.25	
240,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT

FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS

AUGUST 13, 1999

Undertone barely steady to fully steady on Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts. Domestic demand and trading improved on bulk parts, fresh tom breast meat fair with frozen light, 4-8 breasts and fresh mechanically separated turkey light to good. Livers (2 loads) 13, fresh tom wings (4 loads) 18.50-20, fresh wing meat (part load) 65, Grade A breasts (mixed load): 12-14 lb. 150, 14-16 lb. 155, 16-18 lb. 165, plant grade breasts (mixed load): 12-14 lb. 130, 16-18 lb. 150, fresh destrapped tenderloins (2 loads) 173-174 cents delivered. For export: ground drum (1 rail-car) 35, hen 2-joint wings (1 container) 50, defatted gizzards 73.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	15.50-19.00		16.93	504	16.45	1,064
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	15.50		15.50	104	15.50	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	18.00	208	18.00	208
TAILS	18.00		18.00	40	18.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	51.00-56.00		51.69	404	51.82	1,116

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	16.00-17.00		16.60	200
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	20.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	18.00	208
TAILS		F	16.00	124
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	53.50	R	15.00	260
			53.50	52

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	14.00-18.00		15.69	360
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	20.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	18.00		18.00	208
TAILS		F	16.00	124
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	51.00-52.00	R	15.00	260
			51.40	260

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	16.54	368
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	20.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	18.18	572
TAILS		F	16.00	124
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	52.00	R	15.00	260
			52.00	400

MONDAY, AUGUST 09, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	16.54	368
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	20.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	18.18	572
TAILS		F	16.00	124
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	15.00	260
		F	51.63	172

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

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